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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment substitutes for the November 3, 2004 Supplemental Response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004.

The Specification has been amended to indicate that this Application is a division of patent application Serial No. 09/390,243, filed September 3, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,263,329; which is a division of patent application Serial No. 08/900,642, filed on July 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,055,528. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action of March 19, 2004, claims 1-10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,329. In response, Applicant submitted a Terminal Disclaimer and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d).

The amendments to claims 1-10 are made to overcome any potential rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on p. 8, line 23 - p. 11, line 13. Specifically, the scores generated in the apparatus and method claims have been more clearly defined to include a first score of relevance with respect to all documents in a database, and a second score reflecting relevance with respect to documents having text in a second language. Although the first and second scores may in specific embodiments be identical, they are patentably distinct. No new matter is added.

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For the reasons stated above, Applicant believes the claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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